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In re application of

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Yukio NAKAJIMA

Appln. No.: 09/269,972

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Examiner: Eduardo Garcia-OTERO

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For: TIRE DESIGN METHOD, OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING APPARATUS, AND  
STORAGE MEDIUM HAVING STORED OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING PROGRAM

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of May 14, 2003 to October 14, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$420.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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